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1. Between 10 September and 10 October 1953, [] the following personnel were assigned to the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Grenzpolizei (Main Administration of the German Border Police) (HVDGP): Chief, Major General Hermann Garthmann, prior to late September 1953, Garthmann used sedan No VP 00 - 0410, after that date, he used sedan []

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PK Chief and deputy commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Fraebholz; sedans used by him:

Chief of Staff, Colonel Smolorz, sedans used: []

Chief of training, Colonel Stock, sedan []
Chief of the Secretariat, Major Eckert; []

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OP I Main Administration (SSD).

Chief, Major Hammermann, used sedan [] the same car also used []

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OP II Main Administration (Operations Department).

Chief, Colonel Mansfeld, used sedan []
Chief of Section "Nord" (coast), Lieutenant Colonel Maseberg;
Chief of Section "Sued/Ost", Major Kuballa;
Section "West", Lieutenant Colonel Wagner, used sedan []
Chief of Section "Ring um Berlin", Lieutenant Colonel Krar, used sedan []

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Chief of the KPP Section, Lieutenant Colonel Kettner, used sedan []

PK Main Administration.

Chief, Lieutenant Colonel Handwerk;
assignment unknown, Major Harpmuth;
SED secretary, Captain Lehmann;

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Main Administration for Training.

Chief, Lieutenant Colonel Engelke, sedan used: [redacted]
 assignment unknown, Lieutenant Colonel Hoppe;
 Chief of the Personnel Department, Lieutenant Colonel Giebel, sedan
 used: [redacted]
 Chief of the Planning Department, Major Raupach, sedan used:

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attached to the Planning Department, Lieutenant Uhr;
 Chief of the Administrative Department, Lieutenant Colonel Wilhelm,
 sedan used: [redacted] the same car also used [redacted]

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Finance Department.

Chief, Lieutenant Colonel Lindner;
 assignment unknown, Lieutenant Kallweit;
 Chief of the Health Department, Colonel Blankmeister, sedan used
 [redacted]
 Chief of the Veterinarian Section, Senior Lieutenant Markward;
 commanding officer of the Headquarters Company, Lieutenant Hummel;
 editor in chief of the newspaper "Der Grenzpolizist", Major Tretschner,
 sedan used [redacted]

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[redacted] This administration, although receiving its orders
 directly from the State Ministry for State Security (SfS), was officially
 subordinated to the HVDGP. The FK Main Administration, details on the
 organization of which were not known, supervised the political
 indoctrination of all East German border police units. The Main Administration
 for Training exercises central control over all schools of the border police.¹

2. The motor pool of the HVDGP consisted of about 45 vehicles, including sedans

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[redacted] busses [redacted] truck
 [redacted] a sedan of the SfS used as courier vehicle.

3. On 10 September 1953, Bereitschaften assigned to HVDGP were stationed at the following places:

- a. Northern border (sea), Rostock, a special unit which comprised both land and sea forces.
- b. Western border (D-line), Schoenberg, Grabow, Salzwedel, Gardelegen, Halberstadt, Nordhausen, Muehlhausen, Dermbach, Meiningen, Hildburg-hausen (prior to May 1953 in Wittenburg), Koepfelsdorf and Plauen.
- c. Southern border (Czechoslovakia), Chemnitz, Ptrna.
- d. Eastern border (Poland), Goerlitz, Frankfurt on the Oder River, Loechnitz.
- e. Ring around Berlin, Plumberg, Blankenfelde, Gross-Glienicke.

The commanding officers of Bereitschaften ranked as majors or lieutenant colonels. 2

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1. Comment. Most of the personnel mentioned in this paragraph were known previously as holding the assignments stated.

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2. Comment. The data on the distribution of border police Bereitschaften agrees with previous information. The stated transfer of a Grenzbereitschaft from Wittenburg to Hildburghausen on the transfer of border police units from Mecklenburg to Thuringia.

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